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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN LAW ON MARIJUANA AND ITS ENFORCEMENT

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1. TUNISIAN LAW GOVERNING MARIJUANA (LAW NUMBER 64-47 OF NOVEMBER 3, 1964) PROHIBITS THE CULTURE, HARVEST, POSSESSION, OFFER, DISTRIBUTION, CARRIAGE, PURCHASE, SALE, PEDDLING, DONATION, TRANSPORT, IMPORATION, EXPORTATION, CIRCULATION, TRANSFORMATION, EMPLOYMENT, USE AND CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS AND ITS DERIVATIVES, WHETHER IT BE RESIN, EXTRACT, TINCTURE, POWDER UNDER WHATEVER NAME IT MIGHT BE KNOWN (TAKROURI, KIF, HASHISH, CHIRA, OR OTHERS). PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DESTRUCTION OF ANY WILD PLANTS PRODUCING CANNABIS ON THEIR LAND. VIOLATORS OF LAW ARE

SUBJECT TO PRISON TERMS OF ONE TO FIVE YEARS AND FINES FROM \$235 TO \$23,500. LAW SPECIFIES MAXIMUM IMPRISONMENT PENALTIES FOR PERSONS WHO USE CANNABIS IN GROUPS WITH OTHERS. PROPERTY OWNERS CAN BE FINED \$12 FOR EACH PLANT FOUND ON THEIR LAND WITH DOUBLE FINES IF PLANTS ARE FOUND IN ENCLOSED FIELDS. LAW STIPULATES THAT MAXIMUM PENALTIES MUST
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BE IMPOSED IF VICTIM OF ANY USE OF CANNABIS IS A MINOR.

2. GOT STRICTLY ENFORCES LAW AGAINST USE OF CANNABIS. WIDESPREAD USAGE OF THIS DRUG BEFORE INDEPENDENCE (IN 1996) WAS STOPPED BY AGGRESSIVE CAMPAIGN ALTHOUGH POLICE OCCASIONALLY FIND USERS AND TRAFFICKERS. IN 1976 POLICE ARRESTED 43 TUNISIANS AND 10 FOREIGNERS UNDER ANTI-CANNABIS

LAWS. GOT OFFICIALS
ANTICIPATE NO RELAXATION OF ENFORCEMENT
OF LAWS AGAINST MARIJUANA PRODUCTION, TRAFFICKING AND
USAGE.
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